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(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a pest called Mealy Bug is causing devastation of crops in certain areas of Buntwal Taluk and spreading;

(*c*) the steps the Government has taken to give relief to the Agriculturists inflicted to heavy loss;

(*d*) the steps the Government has taken to control and eradicate the menace of Melay bug pest?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—

(*a*) No. However, agricultural operations like preparation of fields and transplating of paddy seedlings were delayed due to continuous rains. As a result, transplating could commence only in July with aged seedlings;

(*b*) Yes. Pest incidence has been noticed not only in Buntwal Taluk but also in the other Taluks of Puttur, Belthangadi, Sullia and Mangalore. If sufficient rains has occurred, the pest would not have assumed this proportion;

(*c*) The farmers have been advised to take up short duration paddy crop by raising second nursery and apply phorate both in nursery and transplanted fields to control Mealy bug pest. The Agro-Industries Corporation has been requested to supply short duration paddy seeds and phorate and other chemicals to the affected farmers;

(*d*) During 1971-72, Rs. 6 lakhs was sanctioned to S.K. and N.K. Districts for the supply of phorate and other pesticides at 50 per cent cost for the control of paddy pests and diseases, including Mealy bug.

2. Farmers are being educated about Mealy bug and its control.

3. Sanction has been accorded to take up control measures against the Mealy pest through custom service by enforcing the Mysore Agricultural Pest and Disease Act, 1968, in the affected area at a cost of Rs. 9,17,800.

161. ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ (ತೀರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ).—

ಭಾರಿ ನೀರಾರಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ದಯೆಯಿಟ್ಟು ತಿಳಿಸುವರೆ.—

(*a*) ತೀರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಮಾಲತಿನದಿಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಸರಕಾರ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಯೋಜನೆ ಇದೆಯೇ;

(*b*) ಹಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲಾವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ (ಭಾರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು.)—

(*a*) This Project is still under Investigation.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).

FIRE ACCIDENT IN SHITIKEND VILLAGE

166. Sri B. G. BANAKAR (Hirekerur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of huts belonging to Voddar Community in Shitikend village in Hirekerur Taluk at Dharwar District burnt during the first quarter of the year 1972;

(*b*) the total amount of relief granted by the Government to the victims of fire accident;

(*c*) whether the Department of Social Welfare has made any arrangements for construction of houses to these Voddar people;

(*d*) if no, Government grant is given so far, the reasons for delay;

(*e*) the relief and help that Government would like to propose to these victims?

Sri N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 17.

(*b*) Rs. 920.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to Clause (*b*).

(*e*) Does not arise in view of reply to Clause (*b*).

ದೇವಗಿರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಳಾಯಿ ಯೋಜನೆ.

178. ಶ್ರೀ ಎಫ್. ಎಸ್. ತಾವರೆ (ಹಾವೇರಿ).—

ನಮಾಜವಿಕಾಸ ಹಾಗೂ ನಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ದಯೆಯಿಟ್ಟು ತಿಳಿಸುವರೆ:—

(ಅ) ಧಾರವಾಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಹಾವೇರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ್ ದೇವಗಿರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ಕೊಳಾಯಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಯಾವ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿದೆ;

(ಆ) ಇಷ್ಟು ಮಂದಗತಿಯಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಾಗಲು ತೊಂದರೆಗಳೇನು;

(ಇ) ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷ ನೀರಿನ ಅಭಾವದಿಂದ ಒಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬರು ಸಾಯುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ;

(ಈ) ಇಂಥ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇರುವಾಗಲೂ ಸಹ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಪೂರೈಸದೆ ಇರಲು ಕಾರಣಗಳೇನು?